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8 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Administration, NPIC

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ATTENTION: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Termination of Contract with [redacted]

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1. Subject [redacted] was entered into between CIA and [redacted] in June 1963 on a [redacted] basis. The contract calls for [redacted] to design and build a Step and Repeat Printer for high quality aerial photographic films.

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2. An evaluation by NPIC technical personnel of a Precision Enlarger currently in final fabrication by [redacted] for NPIC leads to the conclusion that there is insufficient demonstration of high quality designs, engineering, and fabrication capability by [redacted] to warrant continuation of the contract for the Step and Repeat Printer. In addition, there appears among [redacted] engineering personnel a lack of appreciation of the general level of precision photographic equipment technology as understood by selected members of the industrial photographic community who normally produce equipment of the desired degree of sophistication. Though the Precision Enlarger being completed by [redacted] will be accepted for delivery to NPIC, and will probably be used in the laboratory, it is not expected to produce the quality of material originally envisaged for such an item.

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3. In view of the above, it is recommended that the contract with [redacted] be terminated as soon as possible for the convenience of the Government.

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